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U.S. POSTAL WORKER SENTENCED FOR THEFT OF MAIL CHARGE

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, and Jane Hughes, Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Office of the Office of Investigations of the Office of the Inspector General for the United States Postal Service ("USPSOIG") announced that U.S. Postal Employee CHRISTA KOAGEL, age 29, of Parish, N.Y., was sentenced Thursday, January 21, 2010 in United States District Court in Utica, N.Y. to 3 years probation in connection with her guilty plea to the felony offense of Theft of Mail by a Postal Service Employee. As part of her sentence, the defendant is required to pay restitution to the United States Postal Service and sixteen other identified victims of the theft in the amount of \$1121 and a special assessment of \$100 to the court.

On September 30, 2009, KOAGEL, a United States Postal Service Employee at the Central Square post office, pled guilty and admitted that she stole U.S. Currency and gift cards from U.S. mail that she was supposed to deliver. In total, KOAGEL acknowledged taking \$1121 of currency from the U.S. mail in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1709.

The investigation of KOAGEL began in December of 2008, when Special Agents of the USPSOIG began receiving complaints from customers about undelivered mail.

Further information regarding this case can be obtained by contacting Assistant United States Attorney Tamara Thomson at (315) 448-0672.

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